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# DEPARTMENTS *and* SOCIETIES

## QUADRANGLE JESTERS

On the evening of May 11, Quadrangle Jesters presented to an enthusiastic audience their annual play "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." The play in its revised and streamlined form proved to be a howling as well as a financial success. Much of the credit for this goes to F. Page Boyer, W. O. S. U. radio announcer, for his excellent job of directing. Assisting and acting in an advisory capacity to the organization was J. M. Weed of the Engineering Experiment Station and Wilson R. Dumble of the English Department.

Members of the cast this year included, Howard

Miller, Al Monas, Harold Haviland, Dwight Hughes, Ed Beyer, Charles Ream, Rollin Smith, Cletus Oster, Lester Samstag, Dick Kerr and George Michalos. The costumes in the play were excellent and reminiscent of the "Gay Nineties." Female parts were played by members of the all male cast who assumed high pitched voices for the evening as well as voluptuous curves. High light of the evening came when the "beef trust chorus" made its appearance between the second and third acts. The intricate dance routine was taught to these husky and hairy chested chorusers by Bob Powers.

This year Quadrangle Jesters was headed by Presi-

dent Jack Zimmerman who proved his ability as a capable organizer. The other officers were Don Trump, Business Manager, supported by a fine staff, and Howard Dickason as Secretary. Showman Bob Berger and his orchestra entertained the audience before the show and between acts with music that fitted the occasion.

The continued success of Quadrangle Jesters as compared to other dramatic organizations that have been less fortunate prove the organizing ability and whole hearted support that comes from the Engineering students. It is a fact in which great pride should be taken with an assurance that it will be continued in future years.

Howard M. Dickason, Secretary.

### STUDENT BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY

The Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society held a meeting at the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Museum at 7:30 P. M. on Tuesday, April 25, 1940.

A discussion on the junior and senior dance was held and Mr. Rose and Mr. Witzemann were chosen co-chairmen to plan all details for the event and notify the classes when this dance is to be scheduled. Mr. Caito was appointed to plan the annual society picnic. Mr. Pierce reported that the plans on the float for Engineers' Day were nearly finished and Mr. Tefft volunteered to secure a truck for the float. The department exhibit will require the services of about eighteen men. The plans call for firing a souvenir tile through the tunnel kiln along with the operation of several machines and equipment in the department. Mr. Hoelscher will be in charge of the enameling exhibit. The men assigned to these projects are to meet Saturday, May 4, for organization of this work.

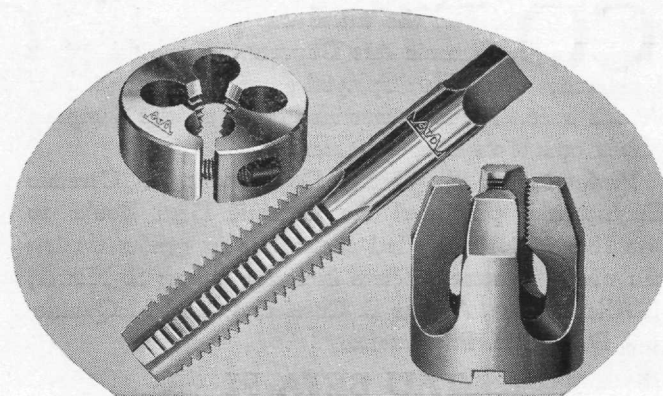
Professor Watts reported that the next society meeting will be held simultaneously with the Ceramic Operatives' Institute on Tuesday, May 14, at which meeting a film will be shown.

Mr. Petty requested that every nomination for the offices of president, vice-president, and representative to Engineers' Council be filed with the signatures of five members.

The report on the American Ceramic Society Convention which was held at Toronto will be given at the next meeting.

Dr. W. D. Overman, Curator of History at the museum, spoke on "Ohio Pottery" using his fine collection of specimens to illustrate the various types of pottery. Professor Watts urged members to help collect antique Ohio pottery to add to this collection.

The Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society held a joint meeting in conjunction with the first Ceramic Operatives' Institute at the Social Ad-



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ministration Building on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:00 P. M.

President Petty opened the meeting by introducing Mr. R. E. Birch, Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, Pittsburgh, Penn., who spoke on "The Industrial Revolution in Clay Products Manufacture". He used a series of slides to illustrate the various mechanical inventions applied to ceramic manufacture, tracing from the Industrial Revolution in England down to our present day times.

Movies were presented on the "Romance of Pottery" and "Making Indian Pottery". The former showed the manufacturing process of the Gladding-McBean Com-

pany in California; the latter was presented by Professor Baggs, Ceramic Art Department at Ohio State University, who also displayed some excellent samples of this ware. A movie was also given on the Sampson Mixer operation and equipment.

Professor A. S. Watts, Department of Ceramic Engineering, presented the Ceramic Data Books to the five juniors who led their class in grades during the winter quarter. These include: Robert S. Hower, J. Allen Pierce, Arthur E. Currier, J. Ted McQuaide, and Donald E. Postlewaite.

### TAU BETA PI

The election of officers for Tau Beta Pi took place at a dinner meeting at Pomerene Refectory on April 24, 1940. The results were as follows:

President—James R. Robinson,  
Vice-President—John Taylor Newman,  
Recording Secretary—Perry Borchers,  
Corresponding Secretary—William H. Lersch,  
Treasurer—Professor Edgar C. Clark,  
Cataloger—J. Ted McQuaide,  
Faculty Advisor—John M. Reed, Editor of Engineering Experiment Station Publications.

Professor Percy W. Ott, Department of Mechanics, spoke on "Models" before the association in a meeting held May 8, 1940 at Pomerene Hall. He used slides to illustrate the use of models in engineering work to solve complex problems. He demonstrated a model windmill which would run in either direction and "proved" that wood falls faster than iron.

The new officers were installed in office.

The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, on the banks of the Scioto River.

### TEXNIKOI

In a series of meetings on April 10, April 24, and May 8, Texnikoi accomplished the following:

The new officers for 1940-41 are:

President—James R. Robinson,  
Vice-President—Richard Snyder,  
Secretary-Treasurer—Donald E. Postlewaite.

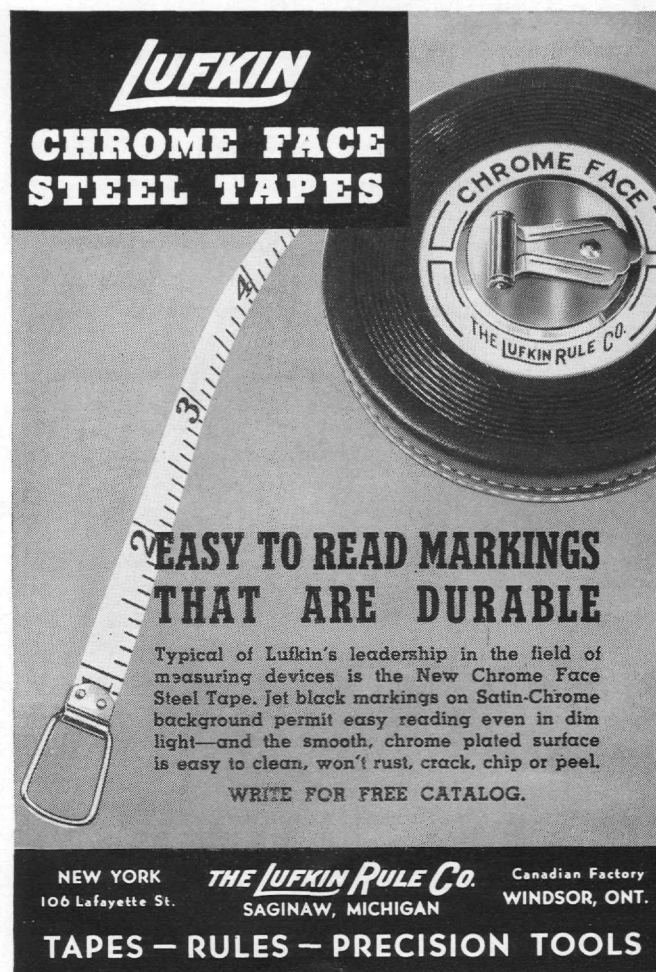
The float committee consisting of Harry Thoben, chairman, Rollin Smith, Ivan Spraitzar, and Charles Berger built a float for the Engineers' Day parade.

The society donated a cup to be given to the department winning first place in the exhibits for Engineers' Day.

The Texnikoi Award to the freshman engineer who has attained outstanding achievement through activities will be announced shortly. The questionnaires given to freshmen at the engineering survey class were being studied to determine the person most worthy of this award.

Mr. Spraitzar is in charge of the Texnikoi picnic to be held Sunday, May 19 along the Scioto River.

Members volunteered to serve as guides for the faculty wives to conduct them through the various departmental exhibits.



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### KERAMOS

Keramos members have been putting the initiates through the paces as part of their duties as pledges.

A full day was spent on Saturday, April 27 in mimeographing the abstracts for Whitewares, a Keramos project. A mould of the Keramos Key is being made from which castings will be made, glazed, and fired to be presented to the graduating members of the fraternity. A comprehensive test was given to the pledges on Thursday, May 3 from 7:00 to 10:00 P. M.

Faculty, actives, and pledges held an informal discussion on "Education After Graduation" on Wednesday, May 2, and the faculty advised continued education after graduation to aid in advancement and promotion.

The formal initiation was held Saturday, May 18 at the Fort Hayes Hotel. Those initiated were:

#### Seniors

Reginald Henwood.

#### Juniors

Arthur Currier, Alan Pierce,  
James Jacobi, Robert Hower,  
Ralph Rose,

#### Sophomores

John O. Semmelman, Robert Thomas.